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SUBJECT: EXBS: KAZAKHSTAN ADVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE (AUGUST 2007)

II. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS:

TDY EXBS Advisor Kevin Cummings arrived at post on August 2, 2007 and departed on August 31, 2007. Permanent EXBS Advisor Robert Colbert is scheduled to arrive at post on October 4, 2007. The EXBS Advisor position will not be staffed from the period September 1, 2007 to October 4, 2007.

II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

AA. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS CONDUCTED

11. On August 14 we received a letter from the Border Guard office in Uralsk Region to change the installation location of two of the four shelters scheduled for delivery in August-September time period. After numerous discussions with Border Guard as to Border Guard Headquarters concurrence with the regional request and the documentation required by the Department of State to support the requested modification, we received a formal request with a valid justification from H. Berkaliyev, First Deputy Director, on August 22, 2007. The document was translated and forwarded to the Department of State for review and a decision. The Department approved the location change on Sept 24 and the EXBS office has been working with the border guard, customs and the contractor to affect an expedited clearance. At present the shipment is scheduled to arrive at Uralsk on September 10. An EXBS representative will meet the convoy of 16 trucks at Uralsk to assist in the clearance process.

12. As part of the justification documentation the Border Guard provided EXBS with a series of decrees that spelled out the GOK plan to establish three major transport corridors. The shelters are going to a newly established transport corridor on the border with Russia. These documents were shared with INL and DITRO.

13. On August 29 TDY Advisor met with the Customs Head of Head of Export and Import Control Department, Mr. Ermek Smagulov. The primary purpose of the meeting was to present documents requesting an exemption for all duties and taxes related to the above referenced importation of four shelters and to inform him as to the imminent arrival of a permanent EXBS Advisor and to provide some basic background on Mr. Robert Colbert. Mr. Smagulov expanded the meeting to discuss his appreciation for the excellent assistance provided Customs under the EXBS program. Apparently he receives reports from the field on all training. He wanted to make EXBS aware of Kazakh Customs priorities. He would like additional IBIT trainings but wanted these trainings to be in Kazakhstan to allow for more attendees at each session and a more economic program for EXBS. He explained that there are three major customs regions and he would like one IBIT delivered in each region. In addition he requested Risk Management training and additional Administrative Enforcement and PIT training.

1B. TRAINING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

1. No training was delivered during this period,

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1C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

1. No equipment delivered during this reporting period.

1D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

1. Task Order 79 Donations. As indicated above it is expected that the four shelters being donated to Border Guard will arrive at Uralsk on September 10 and an EXBS representative will assist in clearance process. All required documentation was provided to Border Guards and Customs by EXBS including exemption request from all duties and taxes under the CTR.

2. Department of Energy Second Line of Defense (DOE/SLD) has begun installation of the first portal monitor at the Customs Academy. They are awaiting access to the next three sites: Kordai, Karusu and Siptai Bitir. Note that the site access for DOE is being handled by the local contractor, NTC, who has preferred status with Customs since they also have a contract with the GOK for maintenance of border facilities.

3. We requested a meeting with the Border Guard for the new Cw Guard EXBS Caspian Regional Maritime Advisor, Michael Fisher. Requested to meet with the First Deputy Director of Border Guard Services in Astana on S%QrED14ith the representatives of the Maritime Division of Kazakhstan's Border Service in Aktau. The purpose of this visit was to evaluate the status of the vessels, negotiate a maintenance agreement with vendors and establish access procedures to vessels for EXBS and maintenance personnel.

On August 31, the Border Guard notified EXBS that they would be unavailable that week because there was a Border Guard Senior Officers Council the week of September 9-13. They suggested we provide an alternative date after September 17. Mr. Fisher was notified and requested to provide alternative dates. It is clear that the maritime training presently scheduled for October will be moved back.

4. The decision as the distribution plan for the five CT30 KITS that are in the EXBS office has been agreed upon. The decision is to donate one to the Customs Academy and one to the Border Guard Academy for training of officers. The remaining three will be

donated to the border posts: Dostyk (BG), Jibek Joli (Customs), Zhana-Zhol (Customs). This distribution plan is based upon information contained in port assessments made by EXBS Advisors.

¶5. There are two Ludlum Survey Meters in the EXBS office that were shipped from DOE. These should be donated to the Customs. The new EXBS Advisor will discuss this with Customs Headquarters staff to determine the most appropriate locations. Note that we were able to acquire the Russian translation of the manual which is quite technical. This was forwarded from another EXBS office.

¶E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY

¶1. None.

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¶F. CASPIAN SECURITY INFORMATION

¶1. None

III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

¶1. None.

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